

Public Notice  
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit to  
ExxonMobil Oil Corporation in Channahon

ExxonMobil Oil Corporation has applied for a construction permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to make modifications to the Alkylation Unit at the refinery located at I-55 and Arsenal Road. The modifications would include an increase in the number of components (valves, flanges, etc.), which would be accompanied by an increase in volatile organic material (VOM). The increase in VOM emissions when combined with other VOM emission increases over the last several years results in the project being a major modification as defined by the state rules 35 IAC 203: Major Stationary Source Construction and Modification (MSSCAM). The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project.

The proposed project is subject to MSSCAM. As such, it must achieve Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER) and obtain 1.3 tons of VOM decreases from another source to offset each ton of VOM increase from this project. ExxonMobil has proposed good work practices as LAER. The company has obtained offsets in the amount of 5 tons per year from Sara Lee who has permanently shut down its facility in Aurora.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit, and project summary at [www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm) (please look under All Permit Records, Major NSR, New). These documents and the application can also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project. Comments must be postmarked by midnight August 8, 2003. If sufficient interest is expressed in the permit, a hearing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD phone number 217/782-9143.